

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Throughout the history of the American West, and in Minnesota, cowboy poets

have played a large part in preserving ranching heritage and the culture of

Minnesota through oral and written poetry; and

WHEREAS: The long tradition and enduring qualities of these stories and poems

demonstrate that cowboy poetry is part of a cherished legacy; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to several respected, contemporary cowboy poets; and

WHEREAS: Recognizing that the contributions of these poets date as far back as cowboys

themselves; and

WHEREAS: The celebrations of a state should reflect the traditions and values of its people,

and it is important to recognize the contributions of cowboy poetry in

Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of April 16-22, 2017, as:

## **COWBOY POETRY WEEK**

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April.



